

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A pipe connection ~~consisting of~~ comprising a pipe, a holding plate and a connection piece, the pipe being provided with a collar which serves as an abutment for the holding plate, the holding plate being provided with a conical holding section and the connection piece being provided with a groove into which the conical holding section of the holding plate engages.

2. (Previously Presented) The pipe connection according to Claim 1, wherein the connection piece is provided with a mounting for a seal and the seal engages on the collar on the opposite side from the holding plate.

3. (Previously Presented) The pipe connection according to Claim 1, wherein the collar is formed by a bulged region of the pipe.

4. (Currently Amended) The pipe connection according to Claim 1, wherein the holding plate has an abutment section running radially to the longitudinal axis of the pipe, which lies against the collar, and ~~a conical holding section, which~~ the conical holding section extends starting from the abutment section and engages into the groove.

5. (Previously Presented) The pipe connection according to Claim 1, wherein the connection piece is provided with a contact surface for a spreading tool which can engage on the holding plate.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for the manufacture of a pipe connection comprising the steps of

- a. providing a pipe having a collar, a holding plate, and a connection piece having a groove formed therein;
- b. pushing the holding plate onto the pipe, so that it lies against the collar;
- c. pressing the pipe into the connection piece by means of a clamping tool which engages on the holding plate;

d. pressing a spreading tool against the holding plate, so that ~~a the~~ holding section is widened conically started from an annular initial shape, whereby it engages into the groove in the connection piece.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 6, wherein a seal is placed onto the pipe before the insertion into the connection piece, which seal is compressed by means of the clamping tool before the deformation of the holding plate.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 6, wherein the spreading tool is provided with an end face which can lie against a contact surface of the connection piece.

11. (Cancelled)